

Tom Adams

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Executive Director to the Curriculum Commission

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Dear Director Adams:

I attended a program on Korean history and culture and the Korean American experience at the Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles.

Since then, I have a better understanding of Korea and Korean Americans and about recent developments in East Asia and South Korea's accomplishments.

I am aware of the new opportunities to teach about Korea in grades 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, and 12 (Government), and I strongly support your efforts to update and revise the 2009 History-Social Science Framework that includes some information about Korean history and culture.

I am aware of the challenges of updating the final version of the Framework, and I wish you and all those involved good luck in the coming months.

I am a touring Docent of the Korean Art Galleries at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and my tours are for 10-12 grade students as well as for adults. I certainly can appreciate an informed public.

I hope that we will see new updated textbooks that respond to the final version of the Framework in the near future.

Sincerely,

Mariana Linker-Israeli, PhD.